GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
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Allocation for Sports
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated a comprehensive sports and youth policy with the aim to rope in all the children for enhancement of their physical and mental health and if so, the details thereof; and
(b) the percentage of GDP allocated in the current financial year for promotion of sports and youth activities in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(SHRI VIJAY GOEL)
(a) Yes, Madam. Department of Sports had formulated National Sports Policy in 2001, which is still in existence. The salient features of the National Sports Policy, 2001 are as under:
i) Broad-basing of sports and achievement of excellence;
ii) Upgradation and development of infrastructure;
iii) Support to National Sports Federations and other sports bodies;
iv) Strengthening of scientific and coaching support to sports;
v) Special incentives to promote sports;
vi) Enhanced participation of women, scheduled tribes and rural youth;
vii) Involvement of corporate sector in sports promotion; and
viii) Promote sports-mindedness among the public at large.
Department of Youth Affairs had launched a new National Youth Policy (NYP-2014) in February 2014, replacing the erstwhile National Youth Policy 2003. The Policy defines 'Youth' as persons in the agegroup of 15-29 years. The vision of the policy is "To empower youth of the country to achieve their full potential, and through them enable India to find its rightful place in the community of nations". In order to realize this Vision, five well-defined objectives and eleven priority areas have been identified, which are as under:
<pre>Objectives Priority Areas
1. Create a productive workforce that can make a sustainable contribution to India's economic development
1. Education
2. Employment and Skill development
3. Entrepreneurship
2. Develop a strong and healthy generation equipped to take on future challenges
4. Health and healthy lifestyle
5. Sports
3. Instil social values and promote community service to build national ownership
6. Promotion of social values
7. Community engagement
4. Facilitate participation and civic engagement at all levels of governance
8. Participation in politics and governance

9. Youth engagement
5. Support youth at risk and
create equitable opportunity
for all dis-advantaged and
marginalised youth
10. Inclusion
11. Social justice</pre>
(b) Budgetary allocation for Department of Sports and the Department of Youth Affairs for 2016-17 is Rs.996 crore and Rs.596 crore respectively under plan and non-plan. The Government of India, according to an estimation made for Union Budget 2011-12, invests more than Rs.90,000 crore per annum on programmes which directly or indirectly benefit youth. In addition, the State Governments and a number of other stakeholders are also working to support youth development and empowerment. The budgetary allocation of Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports alone for promotion of sports and youth activities is about 0.01% of total GDP of the country.
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